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BRITISH PENETRATING DEEP INTO ERITREA: BISCIA IS ABANDONED

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, JAN. 27 (UP).—IT IS REPORTED FROM ERITREA THAT BRITISH ADVANCE UNITS ARE NOW WITHIN 15 MILES OF AGORDAT, WHILE THE MAIN FORCE IS ABOUT EIGHT MILES TO THE EAST OF BISCIA.
THE CAPTURE OF AGORDAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THE MORALE OF ABYSSINIAN INSURGENTS, BUT IS NOT STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT.
IT IS REVEALED THAT THE ITALIANS ABANDONED BISCIA WITH LITTLE FIGHTING, ALLOWING THE BRITISH TO PENETRATE ALONG TWO LINES, ONE FROM KERU TO AICOTA AND THE OTHER FROM BISCIA TO BARENTU.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN LIBYA

'Dromes & Planes Destroyed'

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, JAN. 27 (UP).—The R.A.F. announce that they attacked aerodromes and landing grounds in Libya last Sunday and destroyed a number of grounded planes at Barce and Derna. Five Italian bombers, protected by fighters, which were attacking British troops near Derna were shot down.

ITALIANS HIT BACK

Counter-Attacks In Albania

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, JAN. 27 (UP).—A Greek Government spokesman confirmed that heavy Italian counter-attacks were continuing on the central and northern fronts.

In order to produce an early success for Mussolini, he said, the Italian High Command in Albania was sending masses of men to the fronts with "complete disregard for their losses, which are mounting high."
He said that the main Italian objective was to retake the positions stormed by the Greeks last week, but this was almost impossible because the Greeks had consolidated their positions.

Crack Troops Used
The Cacciatori Regiment, the elite of the Alpine troops, has been thrown into the central and northern fronts. This regiment reputedly held the Italian front during the World War when Austrian troops threatened to reach Venice after the battle of Caporetto.
However, the spokesman said, the Greeks were able to continue their offensive, occupying a number of fortified heights and several villages, and capturing over 100 Italians, including units of the Cacciatori Regiment.

Abortive Attempt At Invasion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, JAN. 27 (UP).—Stoney J. Simmons, a private of the Canadian Army who is on home leave, has revealed that German troops attempted an invasion of Britain last autumn when "a few German soldiers died on land on British soil."

Under the cover of an air attack on British coast defences and a barrage of German coast guns, he said, scores of boats, from 50 to 100 feet long, swarmed across the English Channel.
"Most of them were sunk and a few German soldiers who landed were captured," he said. "German bodies were washed up on the coast for days."
"Several invasions were attempted during five months when I was stationed on the coast," he added.

The natural features of the country are excellent for defence, but the Italians made little use of them; on the contrary they withdraw so fast that they had no time to destroy the road connecting Biscia and Agorditi and Biscia and Agordat which climbs to a height of 2,000 feet.
It is expected that Barentu will be likewise unable to hold out much longer.
It is also reported that 200 White Italian troops were killed or captured by the Abyssinians during a two-days fight on a road between Dessi and Debrataber to the east of Lake Tana.

Graziani Reported Dismissed

Ciano At The Front

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, JAN. 27 (UP).—The Ankara Radio announced that "news has just been received that General Graziani has been dismissed, and that General Bardi, who is noted for his services in Abyssinia, will replace him."
Ciano Joins Air Force
ROME, JAN. 27 (UP).—It is officially reported that Count Ciano the Foreign Minister has gone to the front as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the air force.
When in Ethiopia, Count Ciano commanded the "desperate" squadron.
Although the communiqué did not specify it, it is reliably reported that the Count went to Albania zone of operations in command of the "Desperata" again.

Congo Getting Into War Stride

CAPE TOWN, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—
The return of Germany to the African continent would mean the end of the independence and security of all African states," declared the Belgian Minister for the Colonies, M. Dierckx, yesterday.
He arrived here from the Belgian Congo yesterday and will leave for the north again on Thursday. During his brief stay he will have talks with General Smuts on questions affecting the mutual interests of South Africa and the Belgian Congo, including trade relations.

Italy Fears Nazis

NEW YORK, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—
The Italian secret police and Gestapo have arrested between 20 and 30 people, including Italian Army officers and Fascist officials at Milan and Turin, according to the Belgrade correspondent of the "New York Times."
The report states that disorders at Milan and Turin have been serious and far-reaching, and that other industrial cities are also affected.

Italians Knocked Out Of Sky By R.A.F. Patrols

CAIRO, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—Five Italian fighter aircraft were shot down on Sunday by British fighters which maintained patrols throughout the day, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.
Three Fiat bi-plane fighters were shot down near Mechille (south of Derna) and two Fiat monoplane attacking British troops near Derna were shot down in flames although protected by a number of other fighters.
On the landing ground near Mechille, one Savoia bomber was destroyed on the ground.
A raid was carried out by British bombers on Sunday on the aerodrome at Barce (Libya). Bombs fell near the hangars and dispersed aircraft. Direct hits were also registered on the adjacent buildings. A Derna area was also bombed.

Nazi Raider Sighted In The Pacific

It is believed that a German raider has been sighted in the southern Pacific.
A "Reuter" message from Manila received this morning says that a reliable message has been intercepted from the American steamship Oscar Gorthon which says that at 1 p.m., on Monday in Lat. 18.7 N and Long. 146.27 E, the Oscar Gorthon passed a raider with guns. She was painted black and had her prizes with her.
The position given by the American ship shows that the raider is around the Japanese mandated islands and some miles north of Guam.

Thai-Indo-China Hostilities To End To-day: Talks On Cruiser

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, JAN. 27 (UP).—It is officially announced that hostilities between Thailand and Indo-China will cease at 10 a.m. tomorrow.
Armistice Commissions will be named by both sides, and negotiations will be opened in Tokyo under the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henry who will act as President of the Commission.
Talks Aboard Cruiser
SAIGON, JAN. 27 (UP).—It is officially announced that the armistice talks which will commence January 29 will be held aboard the Japanese cruiser Natori which will arrive here Tuesday.

TOKYO AND THE GENERALISSIMO

Chiang Urged To Resign

TOKYO, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—Replying to a question at yesterday afternoon's session of the Budget Committee meeting, Mr Yosuke Matsuo, the Foreign Minister, said that the Government had vainly tried to induce General Chiang Kai-shek to reconsider his attitude and join Nanking, but now that Japan had formally recognised the Nanking Government Japan would wholeheartedly support it and at the same time would continue exhorting Chiang Kai-shek to join Nanking, the ultimate object being a full settlement of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Willkie Sees Churchill

LONDON, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—Mr Wendell Willkie's first day in London was crowded with activity. An hour's talk with the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, was followed by a luncheon with Mr Winston Churchill to whom Mr Willkie delivered a personal message from President Roosevelt.
Later he saw the Labour Minister, Mr Ernest Bevin.

After receiving the Press at the beginning of the morning, he made a quick tour of the devastated area around St Paul's Cathedral and through the ruins of the Guildhall.
"I have met nobody downhearted so far," he said, "and I don't expect to. You people must survive."
He indicated that he would visit the industrial centres of Britain and said, "If some of your methods are better than ours, then I will try my best to introduce them into our industries, and if there are some ways in which we are better than you, then I am sure you will incorporate them into your factories."

Making Friends Quickly
LONDON, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—Referring to his luncheon with the Premier and Mrs Churchill, Mr Willkie said Mrs Churchill was most charming. It was his first meeting with Mr Churchill and they talked for nearly two hours on the international situation, the war and Anglo-American relations.
Of the hour that he spent with Mr Bevin, Mr Willkie said, "It is a grand fellow. We liked each other so much that I made him late for a Cabinet meeting. Our talk was about labour conditions in England and production in England—what is being done and what will be done."
Dealing with his visit to the devastated area of the city, Mr Willkie described the Guildhall as "a terrible sight with all its historic treasures." Once he spoke bitterly when he recalled the devastation round St Paul's and the fact that 3,000,000 books were burnt. He said, "I thought that the burning of Paternoster Row where books are published was rather symbolic. They have destroyed the place where truth is told."
Mr Willkie expressed astonishment at the fact that mid damage was being done with and that they (the civilian bodies) "are grand people."

R.A.F. Attack Hanover

Fires In Target Area

LONDON, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—Two large fires and several smaller fires were started when a small force of R.A.F. bombers successfully attacked industrial targets in Hanover in the early hours of today.
None of our aircraft is missing. No bombs were dropped on Britain last night and London had a week free from enemy raids.
There was almost enemy air activity yesterday when single raiders crossed the East Anglian coast.
Volunteer firemen saved the Law Courts from total destruction by fire. By their efforts the main structure of the courts were prevented from being set alight and the fire was under control 60 minutes from the start while bombs were still dropping.

THAI ADVANCE

BANGKOK, JAN. 26 (UP).—The High Command announced that heavy fighting took place on the entire frontier yesterday, with Thai forces drawing closer to Siem Reap under artillery bombardment. Thai troops continued advance on all fronts.
Thai planes were said to have carried out a reprisal raid on Siem Reap. The High Command claimed that all Thai planes had returned to bases despite a bitter dog-fight over Siem Reap.
Thai forces occupied Luang Prabang territory on the right bank of the Mekong River without resistance, said the High Command. Luang Prabang is one of the territories that Thailand has asked France to return. Thai forces were said to be besieging Siem Reap and shelling the city.
French planes yesterday, according to the High Command, bombed Surin, Chantaburi and Arany, causing slight damage. Thai planes were said to have engaged the raiders and driven them off after a 30-minute dog-fight.
Thai planes also bombed Bamsang, opening the way for Thai TURN to Back Page, Column 3.

Rumanian Regime

Military Cabinet Formed

LONDON, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—General Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, formed a new military Cabinet to-day, says a Bucharest telegram.
All portfolios except those of Justice, Labour and Propaganda are entrusted to generals.
No member of the Iron Guard or representative of the Carol regime is included in the new government.
It is stated that the task of the new ministry will be "to restore order in the country and to repair the wrongs done by different regimes during the last few years."

Nazis In Sicily

BELGRADE, JAN. 27 (UP).—The afternoon newspaper "Vecer" announces that it is reliably reported that considerable German mechanized contingents are being concentrated in Sicily. They are supposed to be destined for Libya.

New Ambassador

LONDON, JAN. 27 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the King has agreed to the appointment of Mr John G. Winant as United States Ambassador.

Konoye's Remarkable Statement In Diet

TOKYO, JAN. 27 (Reuter).—Announcing what he called "my last service to the state," the Premier, Prince Konoye, made a remarkable statement on the Sino-Japanese war to the Budget Committee of the Lower House to-day.
"Although the Sino-Japanese conflict has entered its fifth year," he said, "there is little prospect of a settlement. The fighting services are not responsible, it is nobody's responsibility, but mine. I feel unpardonable before the Throne and the entire nation that already millions of you have been spent and thousands of soldiers sacrificed. I am determined to exert myself to the utmost in overcoming this situation as my last service to the state."

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DEATH

CARROLL, At her residence, 13 Bowen Road, Hongkong, on Monday, January 27, 1941, at 9 a.m., Mrs. Rose Carroll. Funeral at the Catholic Cemetery; will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

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SPORT HAS A PART TO PLAY

A TEAM of Japanese swimmers passing through Hongkong last week gave a demonstration in the fresh water pool of the European Y.M.C.A. and incidentally made an attack on local aquatic records, most of which are already held by their compatriots. The attendance was unworthy of the event but the keen sportsmen and sports-women who were there represented various nationalities and enclings and they were united in enthusiastic appreciation of the prowess of the visitors.

Two records fell during the short time that the Japanese were in the water, the breast stroke time for 200 yards and the free-style time for 220 yards; the last-named record would have been considerably more impressive if it had not been incidental, the distance actually swum in the event being 440 yards. These facts speak volumes for the fitness and standard of all members of the team but other facts are worthy of notice too. The sincerity of tributes paid to the exhibition were an apt reminder that sport is a creed common to all, and the opportunity to drop, for a while, the mask of anxiety and suspicion with which most things Japanese are regarded at the present time must have provoked regrets among thinking people present that many sports are a pastime overshadowed by grimmer events and that the fraternal spirit of Olympics is reflected ever more faintly in the chivalries that have previously not been entirely absent from such final events as even as war. Whether athletes ever let their thoughts wander on this rather ethereal plan is a matter for doubt but at any rate the sentiment is worth nourishing if we are to keep a sense of proportion in the various "new orders" that are to come.

It was reported by the Japanese news agency last week that the finger of prejudice had pointed at the very popular opera "Madame Butterfly," written 37 years ago by Puccini, and describing the tragic love story of a geisha girl and an American naval officer. Without dramatizing this particular incident—the opera is said to have grown distasteful to the Japanese public and will not be played—it is noticeable that the Nazi and Fascist regimes early realised the strong ties that linked influential bodies of their people to similar cultural and sporting though foreign and anti-totalitarian groups. They acted quickly, but because they realised that it is impossible to extinguish the spirit and soul that inspire devotees of the arts and sports, they proceeded to train their growth into ordered channels to glorify the State and State. This was far from prostituting both culture and sports-manship and unfavourable reactions

LULL IN NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

Three Possible Reasons

(BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)
LONDON, Jan. 27.—Three possible reasons were advanced to-day for the lull in German air activity over Britain which has led to London enjoying its first week without a raid since September.

They are in their order of credibility, (1) bad weather on the continent; (2) German's two-front air war; (3) re-equipment and retraining. There can be no certainty as to the causes, but the above reasons command themselves in well-informed quarters where there is no belief that the present inactivity is in any way mysterious.

Bad Weather

The Low Countries and northern France are drenched in a thaw following the recent sharp frost and snowfall. Many of the German air bases are probably flooded, and others are temporarily unserviceable.

The weather generally on the other side of the English Channel in the past week has been most unfavourable for flying since the great freeze earlier last year. Seventy-five per cent of the German inactivity may be attributed to this factor.

R.A.F. operations have been severely restricted for the same reason. Weather forecasts have been gloomy enough to persuade the Bomber Command that crews would have great difficulty in locating their targets and bombing them accurately.

The weather apart, there is little doubt that the necessary redistribution of forces for her air war on two fronts is having some immediate effect on the striking power of Germany's air force in Western Europe.

How lasting these will be depends on the scale of German commitments in the Mediterranean and that in itself may depend on how critical becomes Italy's position. New squadrons have arrived at Sicilian bases and Heinkel 111 bombers have appeared in action.

Reserving Luftwaffe

The present indications are that the Luftwaffe will be reserved for attacking the British Fleet its Mediterranean bases, for action in Albania (where the weather limits its use at present), or it is even possible for the defence of an Italy short of its empire and a back door to Germany itself.

The re-equipment of squadrons remaining in northern France and the Low Countries in preparation for what probably will be a decisive air clash with Britain is no doubt being pushed ahead. This would enable crews temporarily without planes to enjoy a much needed rest after six months of continuous action. One new German fighter—Heinkel 113—is in service already and Fockewulf and subsidiary factories have been busy for months past turning out new fighters and bombers.

It is certain that the Luftwaffe, re-freshed and to some extent re-equipped, will take the earliest opportunity to return to full operations over Britain by night and day and maintain this offensive as much as its commitments elsewhere and R.A.F. retaliation will permit.

S. African Budget

CAPETOWN, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—When the Union Parliament re-opened to-day, the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, revealed that £14 millions sterling would be required for defence in addition to about £60 millions already spent on defence for this financial year.

British Initiative In Mediterranean War

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 26 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communiqué states that the British have occupied Biscia in Italian Eritrea and are being reinforced around Borna at the other end of the North African front.

"Biscia is now in our hands together with a further hundred prisoners. Operations east of Biscia towards Agordat are continuing. In Italian Somaliland, all scouts and forward patrols continue vigorously in the extended area of penetration into hostile territory."

"In the Melema (Abyssinia) area, our pressure is continuing." An R.A.F. communiqué said that the aerodrome at Maraua was raided last night. The aerodrome at Darce was also attacked and an Italian fighter plane was destroyed on the ground at Giarabub.

"In Italian East Africa, our aircraft gave intensive support to the army's successful advance east of Keru. Dive attacks were made on motor transports concentrated on the road near Tellena with considerable effect. A successful attack was made on Boular in the vicinity of El Bassan, Albania, last Saturday. All bombs fell within the target area and direct hits were made on a military camp and on an advance supply depot."

"Khartoum Report." KHARTOUM, Jan. 26 (UP).—During successful operations between Keru and Biscia, an Italian commander of a Colonial brigade and 700 prisoners were captured.

both among the English-speaking peoples and other democratic nations were not surprising. Yet there is cause to believe that eventually the peoples of the world can be drawn together in peace and harmony through the common bonds of sport, which in their purest form, are forged by the highest principles of honour and justice.

SHANGHAI TRADE PROSPECTS

Adverse Factors Multiply

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 27 (UP).—American businessmen have reported that the intensified American export licensing control is drastically curtailing the business of manufacturing in China and Japan and is confronting some foreign companies with the necessity of closing down. At the same time the control is affecting Japan's accumulation of war supplies.

It is understood that it is especially severe in the field of metal exports of which there are very few reserves in China as a result of Japan buying up almost all of the China reserves during the past six months.

Authoritative circles confirm that since the first of the year, Washington has not issued a single steel or tin sheet license to the occupied areas of China and said that American armament requirements and not a direct embargo against Japan, were apparently responsible.

Adverse business conditions in addition to adverse prospects—from the freezing of credits in the United States, strict export licensing and tense Japanese-American relations—resulted in numerous New York companies instructing their China branches to prepare for a drastic curtailment of operations and a possible discontinuance.

Closing Down

The National City Bank which has already closed its Hankow branch, is closing its Osaka branch and has been instructed to liquidate all China property holdings. The British American Tobacco Company has released a score of tobacco experts. Leading Shanghai brokers are sharply curtailing their staffs. Over a score of small American business firms have been closed since the end of the year, the owners returning to the United States, and many others are planning to do the same before May 1.

INDIA LABOUR PROBLEMS

NEW DELHI, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—The need to concentrate on winning the war should not stand in the way of peaceful preparation to meet the new conditions that come with peace, said Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Commerce Member of the Government of India, opening the second Labour Conference.

He said that when the war is over, tremendous problems of reconstruction are bound to arise and that it will be wise to seek a solution now.

Willkie To Visit De Valera

DUBLIN, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—Mr. Eamon de Valera, the Premier of Eire, when told that Mr. Wendell Willkie had expressed a desire to visit him, said "I would be very pleased to see him."

It is understood now that Mr. Willkie may go to Eire next week.

Hoisting Of Union Jack In H.K.

It was erroneously stated in the "Telegraph" Leader on Saturday last that the Union Jack was hoisted on January 26 1941, at Stanley. The correct reference appeared in our Century-Supplement which revealed that the British flag was hoisted at Possession Point. We apologise for creating any false impression regarding this historic incident.

Tokyo Looks To Air Raid Precautions

Houses Can Resist Bombing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Built to withstand earthquakes, large modern buildings in Japan are believed to resist aerial attacks, a special committee of the Japanese Architectural Society has established, the "Asahi Shimbun" reported.

The committee's official report which will be made public soon, will point out that in order to make them resist earthquakes, Japanese buildings have been built in floors of reinforced concrete while buildings in other lands are not so strengthened.

The committee believes that buildings in Japan will not collapse although they admit that a direct hit by a 100-kilogramme bomb would kill all occupants in the sixth, fifth, and fourth floors of a six-storey building. The second floor will be the safest as the first will be as dangerous as the sixth because of explosions in the street.

The committee suggests the doubling of the average thickness of the highest floor to 30 centimetres creating a detonation armour against bombs, while the lodge jutting out beyond the walls will form additional defence against slanting hits.

B. W. O. F. Ball And Cabaret

Rose Room On Friday

Under the Patronage of the Governor, the British War Organisation Fund Executive Committee has organised a Ball to be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, on Friday next, January 31.

Judging from the sale of tickets the number of persons is expected to exceed 800.

A first class Cabaret has been arranged, with Nellie Field in a Spanish Dance; Herbert Tong, Gloria Yee and Dora Chow performing their famous "Jitterbug" number; Elsie Soong together with Barbara, Donald and Gerald Soong. A "Trolloppe Dance" by members of the Mobile Detachment, H.K.V.D.C., and a couple of other surprises.

Mr Y. K. Sze who needs no further introduction to Hongkong will sing several numbers from his extensive repertoire.

Two orchestras, Art Carneiro and his Boys and the Dance Band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, will play. In addition to the Raffle which is offering five very attractive prizes, everyone who buys a ticket has a chance of winning one of the twelve Lucky Number prizes. Tickets are available at the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels.

Nazi Shot Down

LONDON, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—A German bomber, which crossed the east coast this afternoon, was shot down after it had dropped bombs which killed several persons, according to the Air Ministry.

Earlier in the day, a German bomber had dropped bombs on a north-east coast town, injuring a few persons.

PRETORIA, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—The South African air force is immediately to undergo considerable expansion, according to an official announcement. Several thousand pilots will be required.

FUKUOKA, Jan. 27. (Domei).—Lieut-General Sekichiro Itagaki, Chief-of-Staff of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, stopped at Fukuoka briefly this morning en route to Tokyo to confer with the Central Army authorities.

Soviet Experts Doubt Nazi Invasion Success

MOSCOW, Jan. 26 (Reuters).—"The Germans will encounter very serious difficulties if they attempt to invade Britain," declares a writer in the Soviet military review, "Red Star."

The writer adds that the powerful German military machine is apparently not powerful enough to cross the Channel, controlled by the strong British Fleet, and though the menace of invasion exists, Britain's resistance is now much stronger than in 1940.

"Germany would require colossal strength in order successfully to carry out an invasion."

The writer adds that Britain has now abandoned her traditional policy of defence and has taken the initiative.

"The British machine, learning from bitter experience, has switched

GERMANS POUR INTO ITALY

Resentment Riots Are Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, Jan. 26 (UP).—High Italian quarters categorically denied reports from foreign sources that German troops are pouring into Italy and emphasised that only German flying units have crossed Italy in accordance with the announced Italo-German aviation collaboration in the Mediterranean. They also denied that there was rioting in Milan and Turin and added that no demonstrations whatsoever had occurred.

Quartered With Italians. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Jan. 26 (UP).—Ankara Radio announced that German troops are arriving in Italy in a steady stream and have been sent southward. German staff officers have been dispatched to Italian staff quarters and have taken up their duties alongside Italian officers.

German Refutation. SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Jan. 26 (UP).—Authorized sources ridiculed reports from abroad that there was rioting at Milan and Turin and added "We know absolutely nothing here about it."

Cutter Investigates Distress Call

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26 (UP).—The Coast Guards, the Navy and Mackay Radio all intercepted a distress signal from a ship about 900 miles off Southern California.

Mackay Radio was of the opinion that it was a boat since the call letters KFLB are assigned to that station at present. The Coast Guard dispatched the cutter Hermes to investigate. Their version of the message was "being shelled by raider."

The Navy radio at San Francisco version was "SSS shelled unknown man," possibly indicating that the operator was cut off while sending "man of war" while SSS indicates a submarine attack.

The Hermes speed is 22 knots hence it will take two days to reach the location. She carries one 3-inch gun and 2 one pounders.

Congress Leftist Leader Missing

CALCUTTA, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—Subhas Chandra Bose, the well-known Congress Leftist leader, is missing, nothing has been heard of him since yesterday when he left his bedroom where he had been confined through ill-health since his release from detention on December 5. His relatives are anxious.

Court Issues Warrant. CALCUTTA, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—Subhas Chandra Bose, former President of the All-India Congress, who was due to appear to-day before the Court in connection with the seven-months old case against him, failed to appear. The Court issued a warrant.

Burma Mission Back. RANGOON, Jan. 27 (Reuters).—The Burma Journalists Mission has returned after a three weeks' tour of Chungking and other Chinese cities. They journeyed on the Burma-Yunnan Road by bus provided by the Chinese Highways Commission.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27. (Central News).—Registration of cotton, cotton cloth, linen, leather, coal, charcoal, paper, soap, matches and oils in stock in Chungking as a measure to prevent hoarding and price manipulation was completed at the Price Stabilisation Committee yesterday.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Mr Yu Shang-ying, Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Legislative Yuan, has been appointed Secretary-General of the Yuan, succeeding Mr Liang Hanchao who has been transferred to another post.

Circumstances have made it necessary for His Excellency the Acting Governor to change the date of his visit to "The Thief of Baghdad" at the King's Theatre from January 29 to January 30.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (Reuters).—Lieut-General Claude J. E. Auchinleck, the new Commander-in-Chief, India, has assumed command in succession to General Sir Robert Sessels.

VICE-PREMIER OF RUMANIA SOUGHT FOR PART IN UNSUCCESSFUL REVOLT

By F. E. Stevens, "United Press" Staff Correspondent
BUCHAREST, Jan. 26 (UP).—Thousands of people have been lined up throughout the day waiting to enter the morgue in search of missing relatives or friends. Scores of soldiers patrol the morgue area with tanks and machine-guns although it is quiet throughout the city.

To-day I motored through the city in an effort to estimate the damage and visited the morgue where it is apparent that the great majority of the victims are Jews. The majority of shops in the Jewish quarter have been smashed badly and there is also evidence of fierce fighting in addition to gangster looting and destruction.

The luxurious home of the munitions manufacturer king, M. Malaxa, resembled a battle-scarred and bombed house. High circles said that the Malaxas home became a rebel arsenal. The whereabouts of M. Malaxa is unknown but it is persistently reported that a military court sentenced him to 30 years in prison for supporting the insurgents. Although official circles continue to affirm the fact that Horia Sima, has been arrested, many quarters are convinced that he is still hiding. Meanwhile, the official funeral of the officers and men killed in the insurrection will be held on Monday. It is reported from Brasov that after 50 hours of fierce fighting in the leading commercial city of Transylvania, Brasov was won over by General Antonescu's men.

Fighting Continuing
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
RUSTCHUK, Jan. 26 (UP).—Reports from the frontier say that fighting at Brasov is continuing and it is reported that Horia Sima is leading the insurgents.

Secondly, partial mobilisation is occurring in Rumania, but there are no details. Thirdly, 1,500 to 2,000 Jews have disappeared in Bucharest. German troops are still in the squares and cross roads in Bucharest to-day and fighting is still going on in the suburbs.

Sima Not Located
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Jan. 26 (UP).—Reports from Bucharest say that Horia Sima has not yet been located but all firing has ceased at Bucharest and the city is quiet.

General Antonescu is apparently master of the situation. **Bratiansu For Post**
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Jan. 26 (UP).—The morning newspaper "Regul" reports from Bucharest that George Bratiansu, reputed to be pro-German is scheduled to be appointed Foreign Minister of Rumania.

Estimated Casualties
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Jan. 26 (UP).—Unconfirmed dispatches from Bucharest say at least 2,500 have been killed in Bucharest and 3,000 in the provinces. Hundreds of Jews have been killed, wounded or abducted.

Death Squad
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Jan. 26 (UP).—Official sources say that the Vice Premier, Horia Sima headed the death squad that executed 132 persons at Jilava prison recently. They denied that General Antonescu advocated suicide for rebels although the General issued a communique saying, "It is best that the elements holding out to the Iron Guards know how to punish themselves."

Martial Law Areas
LONDON, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—Ac-

AERIAL PATROL FOR RAIDER?

Australians At Honolulu

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, Jan. 26 (UP).—One Australian plane landed at the Pan-American base at 11:20 a.m. The plane circled over Pearl Harbor twice before landing after which it taxied to a pontoon at the dock.

The plane carried a crew of ten men. Three were from the Consolidated Plant and were headed by Captain E. J. Greer. The seven Australians were headed by Captain P. G. Taylor.

Captain Taylor said that only one plane left San Diego and made no comments as to future plans. However, it is learned that the plane will refuel here. It is noteworthy that both the Australians and Americans had already made hotel reservations. Captain Taylor said that he was unable to comment on the report that the plane is seeking Nazi raiders; however, any arms that might be on the plane were not apparent. Captain Greer said that the Americans are returning to the mainland from Honolulu.

The plane flew in low over Diamond Head and residents in that district said that the roar of the motors shook their houses. It proceeded at a low altitude along the coast to Pearl Harbor apparently due to the crew being unfamiliar with the territory in addition to a low hanging mist.

Man Hunt Starts
BUCHAREST, Jan. 26 (Reuter).—Military and Police patrols are now engaged in one of the biggest man-hunts in Rumania's history following the collapse of the five-day Iron Guard revolt against the government of General Antonescu.

The rebel leaders still at liberty are being vigorously rounded up and a secret force of arms has been seized. Life in Bucharest is almost normal except in certain districts which are cordoned off by the military. Train services have been restarted but the public requires permission to travel.

NIPPON FLEET

Unique Category Of Arms

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Japan need not spend as much as the United States in her naval building programme because the Japanese Navy means to meet the mammoth American naval building by constructing a unique category of arms with a contrivance originally evolved by itself, declared Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, the Japanese Navy Minister, before the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives.

"Nothing will be left undone in preparing to meet the worst eventuality," he said. While declining to give details, Admiral Oikawa assured an interpellator that the Japanese Navy could meet the requirements of every possible contingency in connection with defence, not only in Japan but in the sphere of common prosperity of Greater East Asia.

JAPANESE PEERS' RESOLUTION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Domel).—The House of Peers to-day unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the Government to bring into effect Japan's policies in keeping with the Imperial Rescripts regarding the stabilisation of East Asia.

The resolution was moved by Prince Sanetaka Ichijo who asserted that some foreign Powers recognise Japan's leadership and position in the Far East while there are others placing obstacles in the way of attaining it. In dealing with the latter group of foreign Powers, Prince Ichijo counselled the Government to redouble their efforts to make them understand Japan's real intentions before treating them as Japan's enemy. "All diplomatic measures should first be exhausted in meeting the emergency, however, unfortunately persist they must be drastically dealt with," Prince Ichijo added.

Secret Treaties And Aims Probe

Resolution In Senate
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP).—Senators Burton, Wheeler and Gerald Nye are scheduled to introduce a resolution in the Senate next Monday in an endeavour to force President Roosevelt to request belligerents to publicly proclaim their war aims and peace conditions and "any and all secret treaties for the disposition of territorial spoils." The pair made a statement declaring that American involvement in the war was imminent and the nation was entitled to information. "Before the United States goes further along the road to war, we should have assurances from our potential allies that American boys will not be ploughed under European soil every 20 years," they declared.

Hungary's Pro-Axis Count Csaky Dies

BUDAPEST, Jan. 27 (UP).—The Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Stephen Csaky, who had been ill with uremia, died here to-day.

Count Csaky contracted his fatal disease during his trip to Belgrade to sign the Hungarian-Yugoslav friendship pact. He was a leading figure in the negotiations winning Hungary half of Transylvania from Rumania and he later signed the pact allying Hungary with the tripartite pact.

Upon his death he was the chief Axis spokesman in relations with Yugoslavia. He always advocated co-operation with the Axis. "The best safeguard of Balkan peace," he once said, "is a community of interests between Germany, Italy, and Hungary."

Aristocratic Family
 Count Stephan Csaky, Hungarian diplomat and statesman, came of a family which had given many officers and officials to the country, including the former Defence Minister, Field Marshal Count Karl Csaky.

Count Stephan entered the diplomatic service, serving in many posts abroad. After the fall of the monarchy in Spain he was for a time Charge d'Affaires for Spain and Portugal. In 1934 he was appointed Minister in Madrid. In 1935 Count Stephen became chief of cabinet of the Foreign Minister, Dr de Kanya, whom he accompanied to the conferences in Italy which led to close relations between the two countries. When in the autumn of 1938 Germany secured a large part of Czechoslovakia, Hung-

Yangtse Transport Sunk By Chinese

—Nippon Air Blows

SOUTH HUPEH, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Chinese mobile artillery units operating along the banks of the Yangtse River claimed another Japanese naval vessel when a troop transport bearing the number 157 was shelled and sunk on January 21 at Chiyau in southern Hupeh near the Hunan border.

The vessel was sailing down the river in the direction of Yoyang, carrying a small contingent of troops who were all drowned together with the crew.

Japanese Naval Aircraft

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
A JAPANESE NAVAL AIR BASE, Jan. 27 (Domel).—Operating along the Yangtse River, Japanese naval aircraft on January 26 carried out raids against the headquarters of Chungking's New Seventh Division at Tsinhsang, 50 miles east of Anking, and also against the Chinese base at Wutienpu, south-east of Anking, from where the Chungking elements launched raids into the river.

In the course of low flying attacks against Wutienpu, groups of Chinese troops were machine-gunned and scattered. The Chinese abandoned 200 dead and wounded.

A row of about ten ware-houses used to store mines was blown up. Navy aircraft cooperated with Army forces in attacking the Chinese position on the south bank of the Yangtse opposite Ichang in Hupeh Province.

Truck-Loads of Dead

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Military advisers from the west Chongqing front claim that the Japanese suffered about 1,000 casualties in their unsuccessful attack on Hsiki from Changling and Hing in the Tsinhsang (lake) regions recently. It is said that on January 24 some 27 truck-loads of Japanese wounded soldiers and 15 truck-loads of Japanese dead were sent from Changling to Hsichow via Wuksang.

Hostile action in the Ichang sector in Hupeh continues. Japanese troops from Kingmen and Chuchiafow in central Hupeh renewed their offensive with the aid of 3,000 reinforcements on January 23. One column headed for Pelyunshan (hill), a second for Hsichang, and a third for the west bank of the Yangtse River, all encountering tenacious Chinese resistance.

A Japanese northward drive from Tungyang, southwest of Kingmen, is also meeting resistance at Maanshan (hill).

In south Hunan more than 4,000 Japanese troops from Sinyang, strategic town on the Peking-Hankow Railway, suffered heavy casualties in an attempt to reduce Chashan on January 25.

Mechanisation Of Indian Army

JUBBULPORE, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The rapid expansion of mechanisation in the Indian Army has resulted in a huge increase in the number of Indian officers training at the Indian Army Ordnance Corps training centre here.

In April, 1939, the number of men under training was 700 while to-day the total ranks in the centre is nearly 6,500.

Recruits learn the various trades from start to finish, taking an average of two years to learn the course which is conducted under the supervision of expert British and Indian technical staff.

As a result of the increased intake, the annual output of trained men totals some 4,000.

Fincher And Mackay Save Kowloon C.C.

(Continued from Page 6.)

mis-timed a flighted one from Lloyd and was c and b. 14-2-5.

Ride did not stay long but Griffiths and Owen Hughes put on 26 for 5th wicket before the latter was l.b.w. for 23 off Lloyd. 64-5-23.

Ferry came in. Zimmerman resumed for Lee after the latter had bowled three overs, and 90 went up. Anderson went on for Lloyd, and Griffiths started hitting at him in a very risky way. He might have been caught twice on the off, but both were difficult catches.

At 60 Perry lost his leg stick in reaching out to Zimmerman, and trying to turn the ball. 99-6-16—a stand of 35 runs.

John Pearce held on a bit and Lloyd relieved Anderson. With 22 runs added, Zimmerman bowled Pearce. 121-7-11.

A bit later Griffiths sent his 50 up with a big dive over second slip's head. He continued to score with excellent leg shots, while Basanquet kept a straight bat in front of everything.

Total was 157 when stumps were drawn at 5.30 p.m. Sensibly tea was out and stumps drawn at reasonable time. Like K.C.C., Club made good recovery, thanks mainly to Griffiths (72 not out), and are 28 runs behind with 3 wickets to go.

I hope to publish a less disjointed account to-morrow of to-day's play. Scores were:

Earl Of Erroll Suspicion

Revolver Shot Found

NAIROBI, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The Earl of Erroll, whose death was announced last week, may have been murdered, it is suggested by the evidence given at the inquest to-day.

It was reported by the Police that the Earl's death was due to a motor accident.

The doctor stated to-day, however, that death was caused by a revolver shot with entrance the head at the rear of the left ear and he added that it was most unlikely that it could have been self-inflicted.

The inquest was adjourned.

GEN. WAVELL VISITS ATHENS

LONDON, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—A report from Istanbul that General Sir Archibald Wavell recently visited Athens is confirmed in authoritative circles in London to-night.

It is stated that the visit was "for the purpose of conferring on certain aspects of aid which Great Britain has been giving and is continuing to give Greece in her resistance to Italian aggression."

Hon. Mr N. L. Smith In Chungking

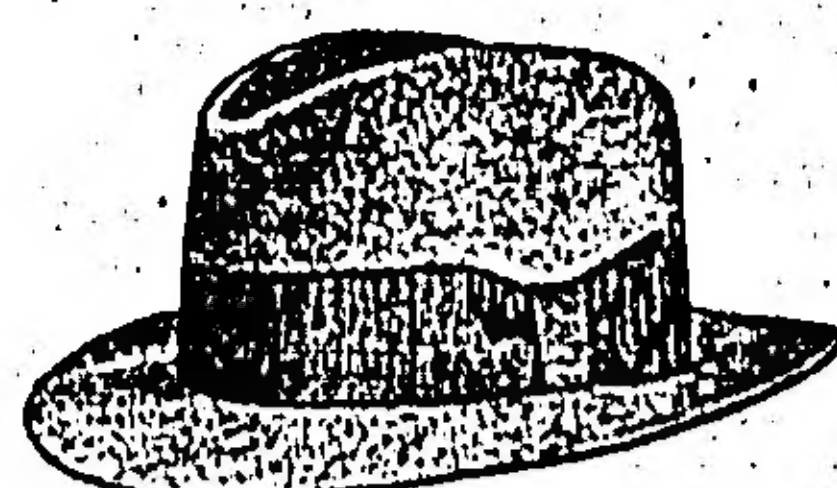
CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—The Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, the Colonial Secretary of the Hong Kong Government, arrived here from Hongkong by plane this morning on a visit, and was entertained at lunch and dinner respectively by Dr Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

University Withhold Declaration Kowloon C.C. Forced To A Draw: Argument Against The League?

THERE WAS, on Saturday evening and will be in the future I doubt not, a considerable amount of discussion on the action of the University senior XI in batting until 4.45 p.m. and leaving the K.C.C. only 65 minutes in which to make 124 runs.

COMPARISON OF BATSMEN

Between teams of equal strength I should have been extremely critical, but there is one thing that almost everyone overlooks. Kowloon are easily the best side in the League, and their batting not only goes down to No. 11, but they have half a dozen brilliant forcing batsmen.

The University on the other hand, with the exception of L. T. Ride, have learned sound defensive batting but have yet to learn to play forcing shots.

I saw the last half of the innings, and several men were out at once, once they tried to hit. If, therefore, they had forced themselves to play the type of cricket to which they were unused, and of which they were not capable, they would have been out about three-hundred, and the game would have been a force.

As it was there was one of the most exciting finishes I have seen for a long time, and spectators on the K.C.C. verandah lifted up their voices heartily.

I expected K.C.C. to get the runs, and but for the unfortunate accident to Mackay I feel pretty sure they would have done so.

I admit there is a good deal of argument in this against League cricket, but the complaint seems to me to arise not so much because the Varsity spoiled the match—which in view of the exciting finish was not the case—but because K.C.C. failed to collect three points.

In my opinion it is rather a special case owing, as I have said, to the limitations of the Varsity batting. I should not attempt to defend the action in any other team because all have hitters.

The Play

THERE is little to say about the Varsity batting beyond the point I have mentioned. Lloyd took 7 for 50, but the other K.C.C. bowlers could do little on what seemed to me to be a dead wicket.

When K.C.C. batted there was always a good chance of a win while Anderson and Mackay were together. The former's batting reminds me of rapid play, while to continue the simile, Mackay's is more of the subtle

type. His strain, apart from the time wasted with a runner obviously handicapped him in playing his shots, and probably caused his downfall.

It was a nice catch by Oh, but the slip catch by which Ride sent Anderson back to the pavilion was reminiscent of some of those of

Owen Hughes at his best. Gegg and Mahmood bowled unchanged. The former would be well advised to stop trying to get the extra yard of pace and concentrate on his length and direction. He is apt to bowl too wide of the off stump, and except when the batsmen are in a cove-hitch, as they were on Saturday, they can ignore him until he has taken the edge of his bowling.

But he hurried them down at noble pace for eight overs, and apart from two or three poor overs in the middle of the spell, bowled very well.

Mahmood got wickets when they were hitting, but he did not impress me very much.

C.S.C.C. Blot Cop Book

HAVING got the Craigengower side out for 119, thanks largely to Baker's 6 for 28, the Civil Service put up a miserable show and were all out for 63. Wish Richardson, Griffiths, Perry, McLellan and Attwell to bat they should have done it easily.

They are unfortunate in the fact that Colledge and Fortescue are hopelessly out of form this season. Richardson ran himself out, and Attwell did all the damage by taking 5 for 16, but Hulse got both Attwell and Perry early on, and that started the rot.

Junior Division

HAVING been told that owing to the holidays, space is short and that I must not write to any great length, I am afraid I shall do less than justice to the details of the Junior Division cricket.

The key match was the victory of the K.C.C. over Revere, who had been going strong. The batting of the home side absolutely curled up except for M. A. Remedios (26) and F. J. Remedios (20).

K.C.C. got the runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

C.S.C.C. Draw

THE C.S.C.C. Juniors got going with the bat and got 140 for 4 wickets declared, to which G. Stone contri-

Snooker

POLICE BEAT ARMY CHAMPIONS

KOWLOON POLICE, champions of the Police Force, beat the Royal Army Medical Corps, Army champions, in a challenge snooker match at Yaumatei on Sunday. Aggregate scores were 655 points to 501.

Individual scores were	
Police	R.A.M.C.
Bradwell 175	Whybro 50
Pope 104	Harvey 111
Johnstone 78	St. Dixon 103
Haynes 100	Terrans 77
Haynes 81	James 69
Pilo 107	Howell 69
Total 655	Total 501

Golf

Results Of Competitions At Country Club

SECOND ROUND matches in the Captain's Cup competition and in the Men's Foursomes were played at the Country Club, Sheungshui, on Sunday, and resulted as follows:

CAPTAIN'S CUP

C. H. Suen beat K. T. Oel 3 and 2. A. W. Ramsey beat A. R. Pinna 4 and 3.

R. E. Lee beat T. Y. C. Lee 6 and 5. F. X. Silva beat A. T. Lee 4 and 3.

MEN'S FOURSOMES

R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey beat C. R. Pereira and H. A. Alves 6 and 5.

Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee beat B. Basto and H. R. Pinna 6 and 5.

W. Williamson and C. S. Thom beat J. J. Basto and A. R. Pinna 3 and 2.

T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen beat W. C. Hung and E. J. M. Churn on the 10th.

butted 78 not out and J. Barrow 39. The University managed to save the game, thanks largely to Kenneth Lo (though they call him T. C. Lo in the score sheet) who went in first and made 63 not out of their 96 for 4 wickets. He just does not make the grade for the 1st XI where he has been tried.

E. C. Fincher & Mackay Save Kowloon C. C.: Griffiths 72 Not Out

(By "R. Abbit")

COLD AND DULL, light north-east wind for the H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C. two-day match: Excuse my staccato style, I am rationed on space. Capt. Grose was unable to get away, Alec Pearce kept. John Pearce also adrift. That's the worst of war.

Game started at 11.18 a.m. Fred Baker the Yard end. Hung scored one and Anderson touched his second ball into Owen Hughes' hands. 1-1-0.

Perry Law Courts end. Enter Grose, 11.33 a.m. Eight up after 28 minutes, when Baker got a good one past Hung—it kept low and took the middle—2-2-4.

At 13, Ernie Fincher l.b.w. to a leg swinger by Baker. 13-3-0.

First four to Ernie Zimmerman, straight to extra cover where Ride was off the field for a minute. Six runs later, Baker took Zimmerman's off stick. Kept low. 10-4-8.

Owen Hughes for Perry Second ball, Archie Zimmerman caught by Baker second slip. 20-5-0, but two four's to mid-wicket where for Mackay Owen Hughes would have been better advised to have had his square leg deep. Mackay two 4's to long leg off Baker, who seemed obviously tiring.

Teddy Fincher on-drove Owen Hughes for 6. Knight for Baker. Mackay was batting finely and punished the several loose balls he got from both bowlers. 40 runs added in 17 minutes.

Owen Hughes relieved by T. A. Pearce. Runs came as they liked, and at 60 Ride relieved Knight. Should have had Mackay caught at mid-wicket second ball, but badly missed. Later on he was badly missed at mid-on off Alec Pearce.

Club had lost all control of the game. Instead of giving Baker another over before lunch, John Pearce went on but had no luck.

After Tiffin

BAKER and Perry resumed after the interval, and after 6th wicket had produced 105 runs, Perry got deserved wicket—Mackay caught at cover. 125-6-02.

An excellent inning played in the right vein—hitting hard whenever he could.

F. R. Zimmerman did not stop long. At 141 he asked to second slip off Perry. 141-7-10.

Perry clean bowled Broadbridge with his next ball, taking the leg stick. Next over Teddy Fincher completed his 50—a fine innings against difficulties.

Runs came steadily if slowly as R. E. Lee defended.

A confident appeal for a catch at the wicket was given not out in Fincher's favour, and next ball he was dropped at long-on. Bad luck on Perry.

Alec Pearce for Baker. At 179 Fincher lifted Pearce to deep mid-off where Baker took the catch at the second attempt. 179-9-70.

Six runs later Pearce bowled Lloyd and innings closed for 185. Time: 3.05 p.m.

H.K.C.C. Bat

A DISASTROUS start. Grose was bowled second ball by F. R. Zimmerman. At 14 Knight completely TURN to Page 5, Column Five

ARMY DEFEAT CHINESE 4-1 AFTER EXTRA TIME

Lee Tin-sang Fractures Arm In Collision

Brilliant Defence Play

THE POWERFUL CHINESE XI sustained their second major defeat of the season yesterday at Causeway Bay when they lost to the Army by four goals to one in the semi-finals of the Lai Wah Cup. The victors thoroughly deserved their win, for on the day's play they were undoubtedly the better team. The game was marred by an unfortunate accident to that veteran player, Lee Tin-sang, who in a collision in the second half of the game with Owens, sustained a fractured arm.

The game was featured by the splendid defence put up by both sides, and the excellent goalkeeping of the two keepers. Extra time was necessary before a decision was arrived at, and the staying power of the Army players, coupled with the fact that the Chinese were playing with only ten men, spelt defeat for the latter.

The Army should have clinched the issue during the first ninety minutes of play had Fox their leader not been too selfish in his attempt at getting goals, for whenever the Army attacked, he was inclined to go through all on his own, only to see his efforts blocked.

The first fifteen minutes found the Army attacking, but poor and faulty finishes robbed them of any success. They owed much of their victory to the pair of backs, Naysmith and Fraser, Bright lit the pivotal position, and Bankier in goal, for between them, they robbed the Chinese of much of their sting in attack.

In defence, Freshwater and Bright were great stayers, playing their forwards with fine long passes, and the centre half in particular, kept such a wary eye on the dangerous Lee Wal-tong that the latter was reduced to a mere passenger during the greater part of the game. Birrell worked hard, and found in Hau Ching-tau a fast winger, and his failure of going too far afield, he more than contributed his share to his team's success.

As stated previously, the pair of backs covered their front men well, and their timely clearances and anticipation had the Chinese so to speak, disheartened. They were just that shade faster when it came to racing for the ball, and on the whole, they performed extremely well. Bankier in goal, played a very safe and steady game, and his daring saves were a feature of his display.

Forwards Good

The forwards were good, combining well but lacked real attacking shooting. Fox led his men well and his headers were a delight to watch. His insidemen, Pearson and Weir lent him good support.

Owens and Duffield were seen to good advantage, and their understanding with the insidemen often caused the Chinese a lot of worry.

The defeat of the Chinese can well be attributed to the first time clearances of the Army defence. They were never allowed to settle down with their pat-pat passes, and that during the whole of the game Lee Wal-tong had only a few tries at the goal speak volumes for the good work put in by Bright and Co.

The Chinese attack were the usual brand, interspersing short passes with swings to the wings. Fung King-cheung was the prime mover in their attacks, and it appeared that on day's play, Chung Yung-sum was unable to follow up with the former's schemings, where on more than one occasion, he let his partner down badly.

Lee Wal-tong was too well watched to be of much danger, and V. K. Hyul delighted the spectators with some fast runs through, only to find the defenders just ahead of him.

Soong Outstanding

Soong Ling-sing was head and shoulders above his team mates in defence. He put in a great deal of work, often going up to help the attack. Hsu King-sing was sound without being brilliant, and he had quite a good deal to do in keeping track of Owens. Kwok Ying-kie was not very successful, allowing Duffield too much room to move about and thereby putting extra burden on the already overworked shoulders of Tsang Chung-wan.

Lee Tin-sang and Tsang Chung-wan were playing their usual game until the former was injured. Tsang Chung-wan was kicking heavily to good effect, and his timely clearances saved his side on several occasions during attacks. Cheong Wing-choy like his opposite number, played a really good game, and his taking of the ball in the air saved his side on various occasions.

Army On Top

From the kick off, Army went into the attack. Cheong Wing-choy cleared when Fox shot weakly, and Owens' centre went behind. For

fifteen minutes the Army were definitely on top, although the Chinese went into the attack occasionally, but found that the defenders were always there to meet them.

Much against the run of the play, the Chinese went into the lead, when Chung Yung-sum's centre was cleared weakly by Bankier, and Hau Ching-tau following up shot the ball into the net. The Army kept up the attack, and Fox's hesitancy to part with the ball when in the Chinese area spoilt what would otherwise had been a very promising movement.

Crossing over with the lead of one goal, the Chinese kept up the attack, and for a brief period had the Army defending. However, the Army middle trio gradually gained the upper hand, and it was then the Chinese turn to defend. With persistent attacks being launched, it was not long when the Army drew the equaliser.

The ball was being swung from wing to wing, and Owens evaded Hsu King-sing to centre the ball to Fox. The latter obtained possession and sent it back to Owens, whose second parting was taken up by Weir who beat Cheong Wing-choy with a cross ground shot.

Enlightened by this new success, the Army put on pressure, and both keepers were in the limelight with several spectacular clearances. In one of the Army attacks on the Chinese goal towards the close of the first period of the game, Lee Tin-sang collided with Owens and had to leave the field with a fractured arm.

Playing with only ten men, Lee Wal-tong went back to take over the injured Lee's place, and they were given a hard time. As the whistle blew for extra time, the Army were keeping the Army defenders not wanting. Following upon a long way, Fox obtained possession, and going through on his own beat Cheong Wing-choy with a grounder.

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Extra Time

During the first period of the extra time, the Army were all over the Chinese and following upon Tsang Chung-wan's miskick, Duffield's centre was headed into the net by Fox. Thereafter the Chinese went all out to obtain the equaliser but found the Army defenders not wanting. Following upon a long way, Fox obtained possession, and going through on his own beat Cheong Wing-choy with a grounder.

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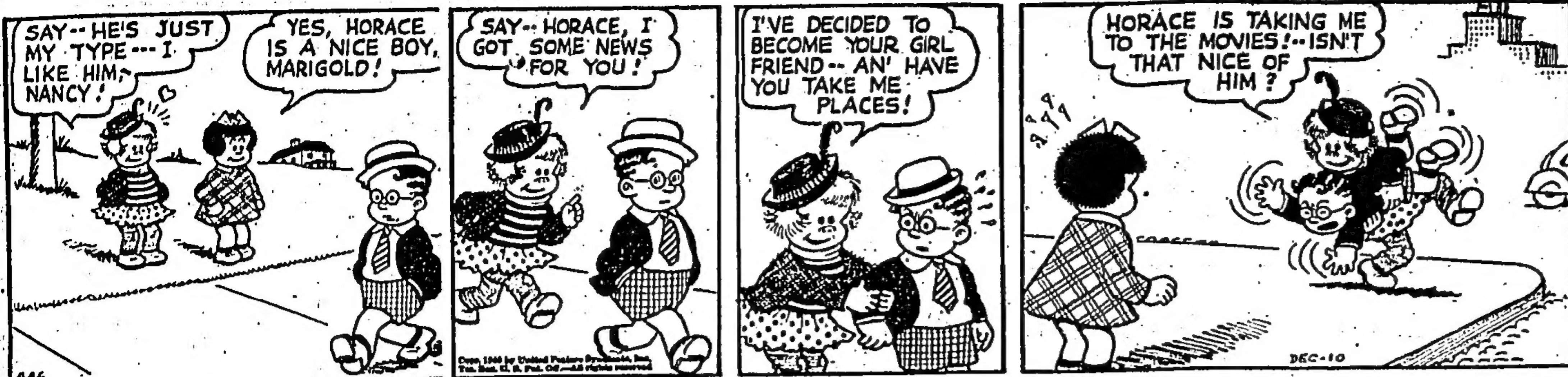
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Firing Punctuates Armistice Talk In Thai-French Dispute

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Jan. 26 (UP).—Thailand's acceptance of the Japanese offer to mediate in the dispute with Indo-China was officially announced to-day. The Japanese Minister, Mr. Futami, said it was rumoured that the French Charge d'Affaires, M. Roger Garreau, was attempting to avoid Japanese mediation.

Thai officials continue strict silence regarding the mediation and advise correspondents to see the Japanese Legation where Mr. Futami is awaiting instructions from Tokyo regarding his next step.

The High Command announced that Thai officials had been sent to administer the Government of Champasak which was occupied by Thai forces during the week and has now been declared part of Thailand territory.

The communiqué did not mention the progress of hostilities. Mr. Futami has confirmed that fighting continues despite the negotiations.

Japanese Squadron Sighted
SAIGON, Jan. 26 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that a squadron of Japanese warships including an aircraft carrier, three cruisers and three torpedo boats was sighted at 2 p.m. to-day 25 miles off Cape St. Jacques which is the eastern headland of Saigon harbour. They were visible for several hours as they passed and then sailed south.

Last Friday, it is said, the same squadron passed close to Camranh Bay which is the naval base. It is officially announced that last night French planes successfully bombed two Thai cities and also that a few skirmishes took place along the Mekong River in which artillery was involved.

Machine-Gun Fire

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Jan. 26 (UP).—Contradicting the Japanese reports of an armistice, the Government communiqué states that there was an exchange of machine-gun fire which continued through the night of the 24th and the day of the 25th at Thakhet and Laidon. Last evening there was an exchange of artillery fire at Savannakhet.

Negotiations To-morrow

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Jan. 27 (Dome).—Franco-Thai armistice negotiations will be opened in Saigon on January 29, following agreement by the Vichy and the Bangkok Governments to accept Japanese mediation over their border dispute.

Greeks Break Counter Attack

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 26 (UP).—The Greek radio announced that the Italian counter-offensive on the central front was broken by Greek artillery fire. Greek planes drove off the Italian supporting planes and shot down several.

Germans Evacuate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 26 (Dome).—German residents in Greece are evacuating to Bulgaria, the Italian Press reported, emphasizing that this followed up the Fuehrer-Duce meeting of January 20 which, the Italian press asserted, was devoted to the formulation of joint Italo-German plans against the Greeks.

The Italian press declared that Axis collaboration will soon take place along all fronts. The press pointed out that the activities of the British Army corps in Greece are now most noticeable.

LONDON'S REST

Week Free From Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 26 (UP).—At midnight, London has now had a week free from air-raids although slight activity was reported from some parts of England. So far, however, there have been no reports of bombs being dropped.

Raiders were reported in the vicinity of an inland East Anglian town at 8 p.m. The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security in a joint communiqué said that bombs were dropped in Cornwall last night with little damage. "Apart from this, there was no enemy activity."

The weather grounded the R.A.F. for the third successive night; however, it is possible that the Coastal Command may have bombed the French coast.

Matsuoka Complains Of American Attitude

Naval Issues

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Dome).—Declaring that "the time for a battle of works between Japan and the United States is past," and that he had no desire to refute President Roosevelt's "violent" testimony attacking the Japanese before the American Lower House's Foreign Affairs Committee, Foreign Minister Matsuoka reasserted that America fails to understand Japan's position in the Western Pacific.

Mr. Matsuoka stressed Japan's right to her dominant position over the Western Pacific in replying to an interpretation by Mr. Yoshimichi Kuroki in the Plenary Session of the Lower House's Budgetary Committee on Sunday morning when Mr. Kuroki questioned the Foreign Minister regarding the United States declaration that America's first line of defence lies in East Asia and the China Sea. Pointing out that the view held in the United States that the Manchurian Incident of 1931 destroyed world peace is nothing but "superficial," Mr. Matsuoka declared, "the Manchurian Incident wasn't a destruction but the first step in construction of world peace."

Anglo-Saxon Influence

Mr. Matsuoka charged, "the Anglo-Saxon race has without scruple aided in changing the status quo of East Asia whenever it proved unfavourable to Japan. In other words, these countries welcomed the Chinese efforts to destroy Japan's legitimate rights established in Manchuria and Mongolia. This encouraged the Chinese and finally resulted in the Marco Polo Bridge Incident."

Questioned by Mr. Kuroki as to whether Japan herself or a joint technical commission will decide on the interpretation of Article 3 of the T-1-Power Pact wherein the signatories promised to aid each other when attacked by a Power not at present involved in the European war or China hostilities, Mr. Matsuoka declared that the question will be decided by a joint technical commission. He explained that if Germany attacks the United States, then the Pact will not come into force, but that otherwise the Pact's Article 3 will be operative as is clearly defined.

There is no question of what Japan will do when the United States enters the war, Mr. Matsuoka asserted, pointing out that this can be understood when the history of Japan's entry into the World War is reviewed, at which time the Anglo-Japanese Alliance existed.

Naval Preparation

The Japanese Navy is always prepared to meet any eventuality, Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, the Navy Minister, declared replying to an interpellation.

"Although I am unable to reveal details I can definitely say that the Japanese Navy has and is being expanded in view of the United States Naval expansion programme," Admiral Oikawa said, adding that "in preparing for defence the number of ships alone is not a decisive factor. The quality of ships is another. I can say with emphasis that the Japanese Navy has the quality to meet any Navy in the world."

Guerilla Sea Raiding

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Dome).—Warning Japan that the United States is steadily acting to "throttle our existence," the "Asahi Shimbun" editorially demanded that "determination and preparedness shall not be lacking to meet a fatal crisis."

The leading metropolitan paper stated, "Nippon-American relations have reached a stage where a single spark will precipitate a conflict, as the result of the United States' provocative offensive."

The paper cited the strengthening of the United States naval bases in the Far East as well as the increases in the United States submarine and air forces in the Far East as evidence that America was preparing for "guerilla warfare at sea" by com-

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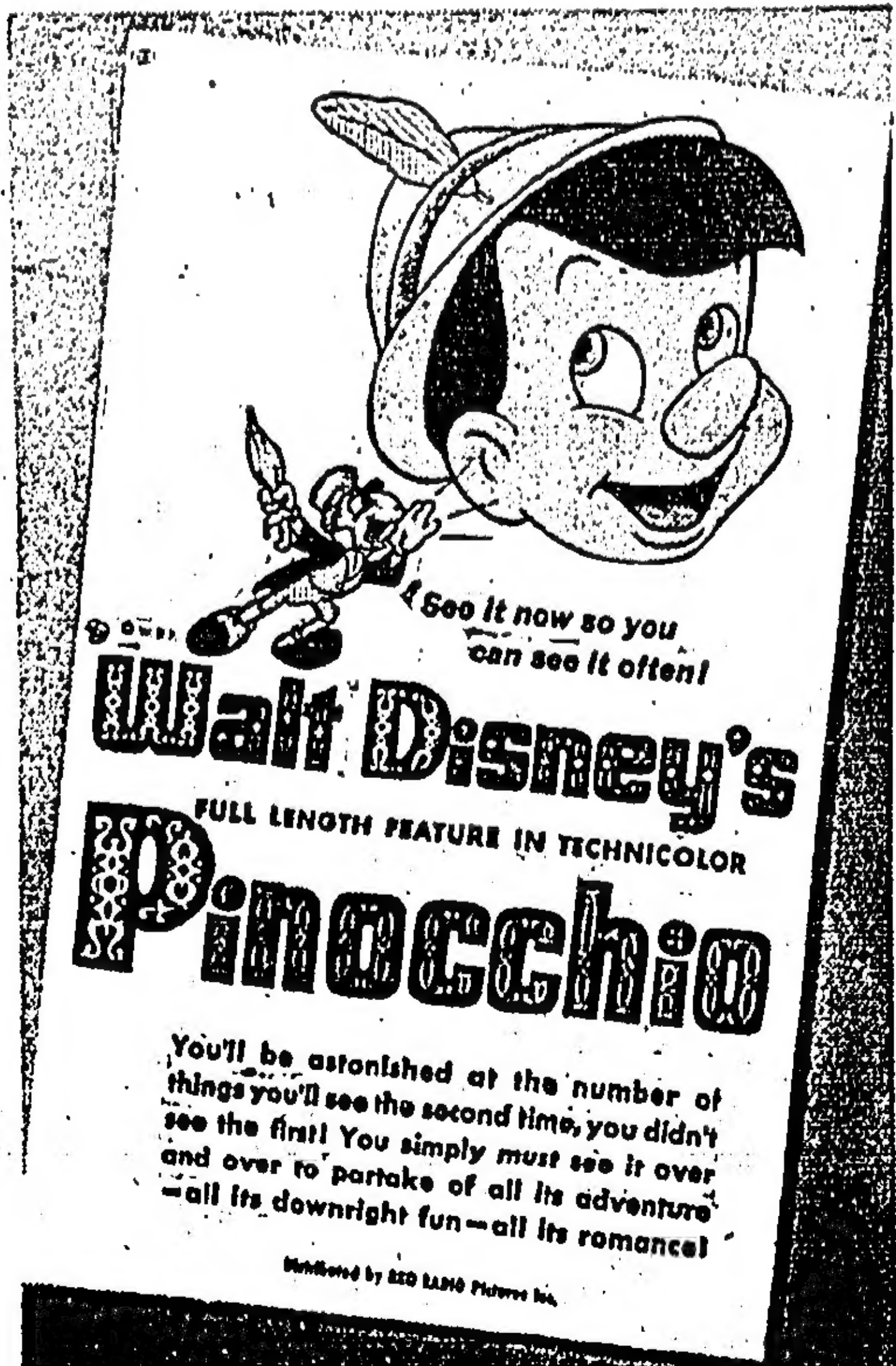
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troops to enter the town, claimed the High Command. All Thai planes returned. Thai forces occupied, it said, strategically important towns near Champasak and also to the north of Sienreap. Firing was said to have continued along the Mekong River.

Japanese Move. HANOI, Jan. 27 (UP).—French officials here are unable to confirm or deny the report that a squadron of Japanese warships is anchored off the Cape of Saint Jacques, south of Saigon.

According to reliable sources, the Japanese are planning a troop concentration at Nandinh to the south of Hanoi.

Emergency Meeting. TOKYO, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The Thai Government yesterday morning held an emergency meeting to discuss the attitude towards the true conditions proposed by Indo-China, according to a Japanese report.

Armistice To-day. NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially announced from Vichy that the armistice between Thailand and Indo-China through Japanese arbitration will be effective at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Fighting Continues. BANGKOK, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Fighting is going on with unabated fury, reveals a Supreme Command communiqué.

According to Sunday's military operations on all fronts, the communiqué reports that Sienreap is invested and that bombardment is continuing.

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No Halifax Formalities

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The usual formalities for the presentation of credentials to the President will be omitted in Lord Halifax's case.

Stating this to the press to-day, President Roosevelt's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, said that the White House and State Department presumed that their presentation had taken place when Mr. Roosevelt met Lord Halifax.

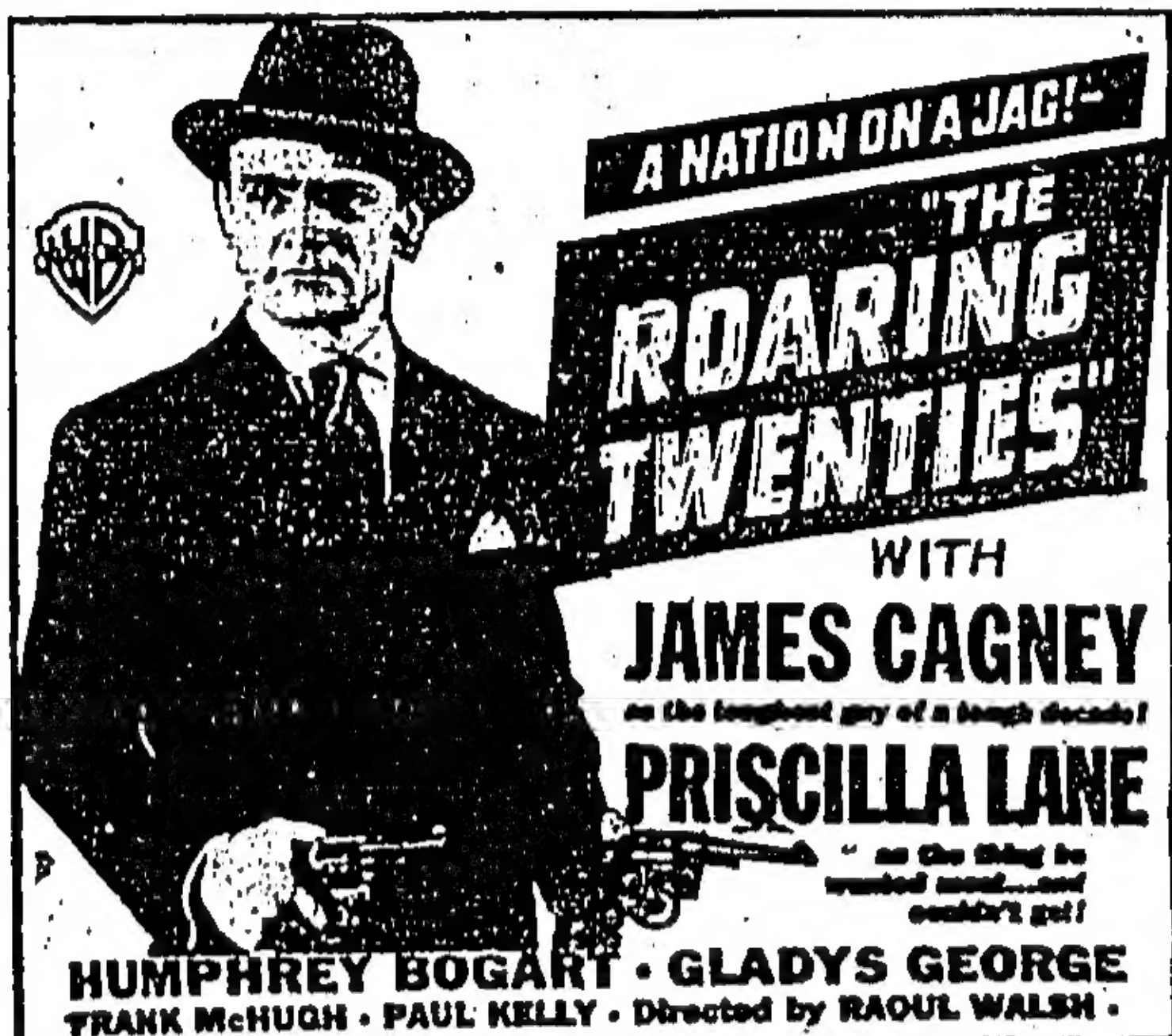
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